

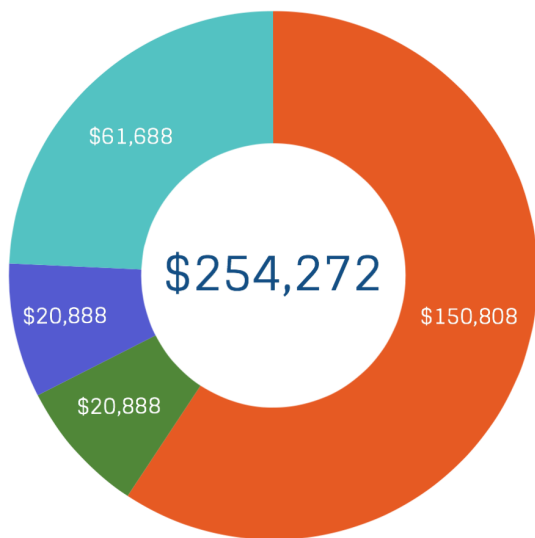
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Funded Partners

ACT Lawrence, Boys & Girls Club, Change the Play Inc., Lawrence Family Development & Education Fund, Inc., Lawrence Police Department, LMCC/Family Services of Merrimack Valley, Merrimack Valley YMCA, YouthBuild, YWCA of Greater Lawrence

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/funding-andtraining/justice-and-prev/grants/shannon-csi/>

Funding Allocation



Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth Development & Recreation*



2,954
Participated in
Recreation Programs

198
Developed
Communication and
Conflict Resolution
Skills

Case Management & Street Outreach or Intervention



179
Stayed Away from
Gang Activity

43
Received Case
Management
Services

Education & Employment



47
Completed a
Subsidized
Employment
Program

11
Passed the HiSET
Exam

Suppression



272
Law Enforcement
Supported Home
Visits

140
Hot Spot Patrols
Completed

Community Mobilization



1,302
People Attended
Events, Meetings,
and Presentations

37
Community Events,
Meetings, and
Presentations Held

3,261 Total Youth Served

97.5%
At-Risk



Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

2.1%
High-Risk



Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

0.4%
Proven-Risk



Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.



=10% of Youth Served

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

6,794,422

11.5%

2.8%

953,429

27.4%

4.9%

Total Population
(2015 Estimate)

Population Lives in Poverty

Unemployment Rate

Total Public School Population
(2015-2016)

Economically Disadvantaged

High School Dropout Rate

Lawrence

80,231

28.4%

7.1%

13,667

63.0%

10.7%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts/; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Lawrence's Gang Activity

9

Street Gangs

93

Gang Members
Under 25 Years Old

During 2016, Lawrence Police Department identified 9 gangs comprising 200 members. As a result of the aggressive gang recruitment within the schools, gang members tended to be young with ages ranging between 14 and 24 years. Drug distribution and trafficking, shootings, stabbings, burglary, and inter-gang violence constituted the gang activity.

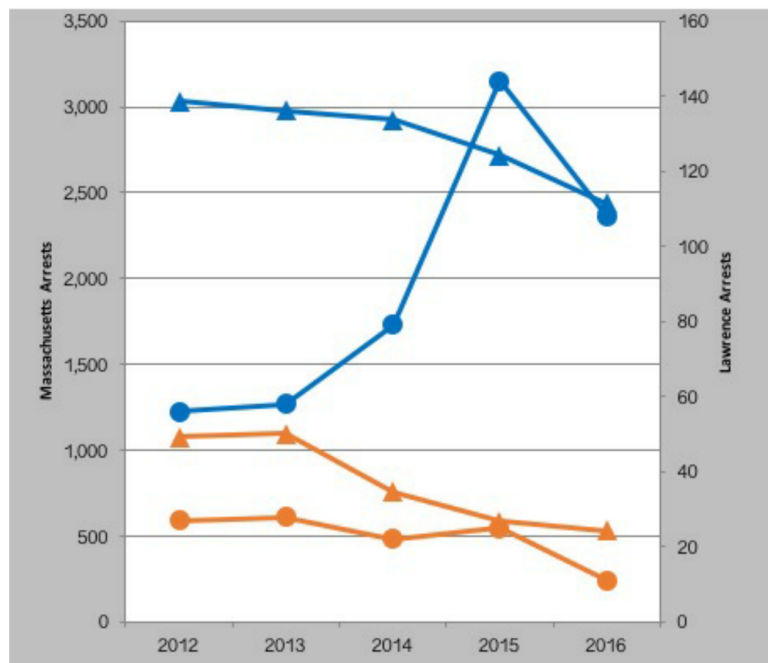
5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2012-2016*

Massachusetts Aggravated Assaults

Aggravated assault arrests
declined by 19.5%
(592 arrests)

Massachusetts Robbery

Robbery arrests declined
by 51.0% (549 arrests)



Lawrence Aggravated Assaults

Aggravated assaults
increased by 92.9% (52
arrests)

Lawrence Robbery

Robbery arrests declined
by 59.3% (16 arrests)

*Lawrence data only available for individuals ages 14-24
Simple Assault Data not Reported